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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: EIGHTEENTH SCG MEETING: JULY 24, 1975

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SUMMARY: JDA DEFENSE BUREAU DIRGEN MARUYAMA REPORTED ON JULY 15 NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH MINISTER SAKATA ENUMERATED QTE FOUR PRINCIPLES UNQTE FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH U.S. FURTHER SCG DISCUSSION SAKATA'S PRINCIPLES DEFERRED UNTIL GOJ POSITION FULLY COORDINATED BETWEEN JDA AND FONOFF. AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN YAMAZAKI ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE CHANGE IN USMC ROLE AND WAS TOLD IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT APPLY TO WESTPAC MARINES. AGENDA DISCUSSIONS OF SCG DIRECTED TO CONTINUE. TEXT OF LATEST FONOFF PROPOSAL INCLUDED. END SUMMARY.

1. JDA DEFENSE BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL MARUYAMA BEGAN 18TH SCG WITH REPORT ON JULY 15, 1975 NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH JDA MINISTER SAKATA ENUMERATED HIS QTE FOUR PRINCIPLES UNQTE FOR  
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DEFENSE COOPERATION. MARUYAMA'S REPORTED FOLLOWED CLOSELY ALONG

LINES OF REFTEL.

2. THE DCM RESPONDED THAT IF CREATION OF NEW CONSULTATIVE BODY TO OVERSEE PLANNING IN AREA OF U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION WERE BEING CONSIDERED, HE THOUGHT REASONABLE THE CONCLUSION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL THAT SUCH AN ORGAN SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN EXISTING FRAMEWORK OF SCC. REGARDING FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS OF NEW ORGAN, DCM STATED HE ASSUMED FROM MINISTER SAKATA'S IDEAS THAT REGULAR MEETINGS ARE CONTEMPLATED. COMPOSITION OF MEMBERSHIP WOULD PRESUMABLY BE DETERMINED BY PURPOSE OF ORGAN. FINALLY, RELATIONSHIP OF THIS NEW BODY TO BOTH SCC AND SCG WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY.

3. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ARITA RESPONDED THAT THIS ENTIRE MATTER HAD NOT YET RECEIVED KIND OF CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITHIN GOJ WHICH IT REQUIRED AND THEREFORE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH U.S. SIDE WOULD HAVE TO BE CARRIED OVER TO LATER TIME. AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR YAMAZAKI ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH CLEAR CONSENSUS AMONG MEMBERS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL FOR HANDLING US-JAPAN DEFENSE

COOPERATION WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SCC HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, NO SUCH CONSENSUS EXISTED ON MORE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF EXACTLY HOW GOJ SHOULD PROCEED. REORGANIZATION OF US-JAPAN SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MECHANISMS MIGHT BE REQUIRED, BUT AS YET NO FIXED IDEA HAD EMERGED FROM JDA-FONOFF CONSULTATIONS.

4. YAMAZAKI THEN MOVED TO QTE CURRENT TOPICS UNQTE AND RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE CHANGE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY DOD FOR USMC FORCES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC. QUESTION AROSE BECAUSE OF NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON CHANGING USMC ROLE FOLLOWED BY EARLY JULY NEWS CONFERENCE OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IN WHICH HE ALLUDED TO SUCH CHANGES BEING UNDER CONSIDERATION. GENERAL GALLIGAN GAVE HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT BOTH PRESS ARTICLE AND SECDEF'S REMARKS WERE INDICATIVE OF OVERALL REORIENTATION OF U.S. FORCES AWAY FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA TO MORE LIKELY FUTURE CONTINGENCIES IN EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST. EFFECT ON THIS REORIENTATION ON USMC FORCES ALREADY DEPLOYED IN WESTPAC WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE SIGNIFICANT, BUT NO U.S. FORCES COULD BE PERMANENTLY TIED TO THE IDEA OF OPERATION IN ONLY ONE GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND NOWHERE ELSE. IF GOJ WERE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN USMC WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT, JDA MINISTER SAKATA COULD, OF COURSE, RAISE THAT QUESTION WITH SECDEF WHEN HE CONFIDENTIAL

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VISITS IN LATE AUGUST. BROADLY SPEAKING, GENERAL GALLIGAN STATED THAT RATHER THAN DRAWING DOWN, U.S. FORCES WERE PRESENTLY INCREASING IN NORTHEAST ASIA AS A RESULT OF ADJUSTMENTS FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA.

5. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT SCG MEETING SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 20 AT WHICH TIME IT WAS DECIDED TO TAKE UP AS THE MAIN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION THE DISCUSSION OF SOVIET

MILITARY POSTURE AND ACTIVITIES IN THE FAR EAST. THE U.S. SIDE  
WOULD DISCUSS U.S. MILITARY POSTURE IN RESPONSE TO THE SOVIETS WHILE  
THE GOJ SIDE WOULD PROVIDE THEIR EVALUATION OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES.  
A SECONDARY ITEM OF DISCUSSION WOULD BE FINALIZATION OF PLANNING  
FOR THE SAKATA-SCHLESINGER TALKS.

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6. IT WAS DECIDED THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PETREE AND YAMASHITA  
CONCERNING REVISION OF THE SCG AGENDA FOR THE FOLLOWING SIX MONTHS  
SHOULD ALSO BE CARRIED FORWARD. NOTE LATEST SCG AGENDA PROPOSAL  
RECEIVED FROM GOJ FOLLOWING EIGHTEENTH SCG FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

- I. "POST VIETNAM" AND THE US COMMITMENT
  1. MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THE FAR EAST
    - (A) US MILITARY POSTURE IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET MILITARY POSTURE AND ACTIVITIES (US)
    - (B) JAPAN'S EVALUATION OF SOVIET ACITIVITIES (JAPAN)
  2. THE US COMMITMENT
    - US MILITARY PRESENCE AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE US CONGRESS (US)
    - (A) WAR POWER ACT
    - (B) THIRD MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCES IN OKINAWA AND SECOND

INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE ROK

(C) MODERNIZATION OF ROK FORCES

3. REPUBLIC OF KOREA

(A) SECURITY OF THE ROK AND JAPAN'S OWN SECURITY (JAPAN)

(B) US COMMITMENT TO THE ROK AND US FACILITIES AND AREAS

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IN JAPAN (US)

II. US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY

1. US FACILITIES AND AREAS IN JAPAN

(A) EVALUATION OF FACILITIES AND AREAS FROM A MILITARY  
VIEWPOINT (US AND JAPAN)

(B) THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE US FORCES VIS-A-VIS  
REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION (US AND JAPAN)

(C) POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER CONDITIONING FACTORS  
(JAPAN AND US)

2. US-JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION

(A) VISILIAN CONTROL (JAPAN AND US)  
(COMPARISON OF US AND JAPANESE CONCEPTS AND MECHANISMS  
FOR EXERCISING GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL OF THE MILITARY)

(B) US EXPECTATION TOWARDS JAPAN OF US-JAPAN DEFENSE CO-  
OPERATION (US)

(C) FIELDS AND SCOPE OF COOPERATION (US AND JAPAN)

(1) INTELLIGENCE

(2) TRAINING

(3) ORGANIZATION

(4) OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

(D) JOINT MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING IN THE NON-  
MILITARY AREA, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF DISASTER  
RELIEF (US)

3. RE-ENTRY PROBLEM

(A) LEGAL PROBLEMS UNDER THE SOFA ARRANGEMENTS (JAPAN)

(B) OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS (US AND JAPAN)

(C) FINANCIAL PROBLEM (US AND JAPAN)

(D) PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS, BOTH LEGAL AND ADMINISTRA-  
TIVE, FOR IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO DEAL WITH NATIONAL  
EMERGENCIES (JAPAN)

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